

City of Newton
Crime Prevention Commission
(Alternatively referred to as the CPC or Commission)
Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, March 19, 2014

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

Call to Order/Introductions/Administrative Business - Approval of Minutes for prior meetings; presentation of Monthly Comstat Crime Report by Lt. Bruce Apotheker (Two-time, 2010 and 2011, Nominee for coveted Person of the Year Award of the – City of Newton / Human Rights Commission)

Newton Police Explorer Post #300: We will discuss inviting this fine group to share a meeting with the Crime Prevention Commission to discover ways in which we might share mentoring, education and outreach with interesting young people. Their mission statement provides the following:

NEWTON POLICE EXPLORER POST #300
MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Newton Police Explorer Program is to develop responsible, educated, and capable youth in our community. The program strives to offer the explorers the opportunity to build the characteristics and qualities needed to become an effective law enforcement officer. Through involvement in our program explorers will obtain an awareness of the complexities of police service. Utilizing the acquired knowledge our explorer post members we will productively serve the community and instill the basic tenets of civic responsibility, which will reflect positively on the Newton Police Department and the Exploring Program.

Among other goals, Explorers increase the understanding between the youth of the community and the NPD

1. To promote law enforcement as a potential career choice for qualified young men and women.
2. To provide the opportunity for citizenship, service, fitness, outdoor, social and career experiences necessary for young men and women to succeed as productive members of society.
3. To provide training that will encourage a sense of pride in our community and country and teach individual responsibility.
4. To provide social activities and a safe environment to have fun and develop long lasting friendships.

Neighborhood Organized Resource Groups (NORGs) - Commission Consultant Sami O'Reilly's will discuss her idea for helping the community offer NORGs. (to be called NORGs until we come up with a better name!) In the February meeting, the idea was introduced.



The City of Newton Suicide Prevention Group – Commissioners Rich Catrambone, Deb Darcy and the Chair will discuss the Commission’s involvement, and their participation, with *Newton Cares*, a City Hall group working to do something useful about youth suicide in the community.

Gun Buy-Back Programs Revisited: We will discuss an issue raised by City Hall last year. The following appeared on Bostonglobe.com, *Success of gun buyback program is debated*, Feb 12, 2014

“When a 14-year-old Mattapan boy allegedly shot and killed his brother last week, a collective question rose throughout the horrified streets of Boston. “Where did he get the gun?” It is a question that is dogging Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans and Mayor Martin J. Walsh, both of whom are preparing to relaunch the city’s gun buyback program, which encourages residents to turn in their unwanted firearms. But as Walsh and Evans work for a solution, researchers and crime fight advocates across the city and nation are raising doubts about whether gun buybacks are effective in curbing street crime or just a panacea for frustrated members of the public.”

Other Business / Agenda Building / Meeting Adjournment – Call for Commissioners and Consultants to report on on-going projects, etc.

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